



State of Michigan  
John Engler, Governor

Bureau of Health Systems

## MEMORANDUM

Department of Consumer & Industry Services  
Kathleen M. Wilbur, Director

**DATE:** June 26, 2000

**TO:** Managers/Owners: Life Support Agencies  
Medical Control Authorities: Medical Directors

**FROM:** Robin M. Shivley  
Emergency Medical Services

**SUBJECT:** Vehicle Equipment Modifications

The following changes are being implemented to the minimum equipment requirements for transport (ambulances) and non-transport life support vehicles (exclusive of medical first responder vehicles):

Military Antishock Trouser (MAST) – **Effective July 1, 2000** no longer required as a minimum equipment requirement for all applicable levels.

If your medical control authority has determined, through protocol, that MAST is required, the life support agency must comply with protocol and our office will honor that protocol until revised by the MCA.

Blind Insertion Airway – **(Required for limited advanced and advanced life support levels only) Effective January 1, 2001**, the minimum acceptable alternative airways in this category are the combitube and PTL. Our office will no longer accept the EOA or the EGTA as acceptable alternatives.

**The effective date for the blind insertion airway has been extended** in order to provide the life support agencies with sufficient time to obtain the equipment and provide training to their staff.

If you have any questions concerning the above changes, please feel free to contact me at 517/241-3024.